

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE
JANUARY 2, 2013

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation was given by Councilman K Mark Simms.

Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood, and Saunders. Also present: City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Public Works Acting Foreman Wallace, Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and Acting Clerk Ankrom. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt (vacation), Public Works Director Richmond, and Fire Chief Clarke .

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2012

Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the December 20, 2012 minutes as presented, Councilwoman DeWitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

There was no one wishing to address Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council

* Councilman Remke welcomed Councilman David Haynes!

* Councilman Remke commented that the Moundsville Economic Development Council will be handling the \$25, 000.00 grant that was received for the travelling Memorial Wall exhibit. Manager Hess disagreed, as this grant should be funnelled through the City General Fund, but the matter will be investigated further.

* Councilman Remke broached discussion on City Council salaries, as reflected in the City Charter; but Attorney White noted that these changes are made by ordinance and are updated within the City Employee Policy.

* Councilman Remke asked about settling the dump truck issue, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

- 1 * Councilman Remke requested that the handicap parking denial for 2315 Center Street be
2 overturned, as the resident uses a walker and wheelchair. Chief Mitchell explained that he
3 denied the request due to the residence having off-street parking. This matter will be
4 discussed further at the Traffic Committee meeting.
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- 6 * Councilman Remke asked about progress on the City of Moundsville website, which
7 Manager Hess noted that she is waiting to meet with some other parties.
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- 9 * Councilman Remke wants to again address the 5th Street and Jefferson Avenue intersection.
10 Mayor Saunders has discussed this issue with Delegate Ferro and given him all of the needed
11 information. Delegate Ferro is willing to write a letter on City Council's behalf, but the final
12 authority on the matter is the West Virginia Department of Highways. This issue will be
13 referred to the Traffic Committee.
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- 15 * Councilman Remke is eager to move forward with requesting "Home Rule." This option is
16 only available for Class IV Cities at this time, and an adequate plan must be in place before the
17 request would even be reviewed. It was suggested to have a representative, familiar with how
18 the City of Wheeling is managing the Home Rule status, come to a Policy Committee meeting.
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- 20 * Councilman Remke asked about progress on the property adjacent to Kroger. There is no
21 new information at this time.
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- 23 * Councilman Remke broached discussion on wholesale businesses not paying Business &
24 Occupation Tax on sales made to Moundsville vendors. Attorney White briefly explained that
25 there are tax nexus issues to consider.
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- 27 * Councilman Remke asked whether dirt being used to build up the property at Tatich's Auto
28 Body on 1st Street is on Tatich's property or the Fostoria property; the dirt is on Mr. Tatich's
29 property.
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- 31 * Councilman Remke asked about the Fostoria Certificate of Completion, which has not been
32 issued as of yet.
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- 34 * Councilman Remke asked about the list of properties he gave to Manager Hess; these
35 owners have been contacted by the City Building Inspectors.
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- 37 * Councilwoman DeWitt commented on work being done at the old Carpet Barn building on
38 2nd Street.
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- 40 * Councilman Wood noted the article in the **League Lights** magazine relating to Stormwater
41 Boards. The City of Moundsville was one of the first cities to be in compliance with the

1 regulations.

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3 * Councilman Remke asked about the ground studies to be done on Jefferson Avenue.
4 Manager Hess stated that there will be a meeting this month.
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6 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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8 * Councilman Remke does not feel that he can adequately serve on the Refuse Oversight
9 Committee and Animal Task Force. Mayor Saunders accepted his removal. Discussion was
10 held on the Moundsville Activities Committee, which replaces the dissolved Revitalization
11 Committee; and their meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month. Also, it was
12 explained that the Mayor and City Manager represent the City of Moundsville at BelOMar
13 meetings. Mayor Saunders had been attending BelOMar functions in place of Mayor Wallace,
14 who was unable to attend daytime events.
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16 * Councilman David Haynes is confident the Refuse Oversight Committee can function
17 properly with just two Council representatives.
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19 * Discussion was held on getting increased participation from the City Manager and
20 Department Heads in setting goals and objectives for the City. Recommendations will be
21 forthcoming.
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23 **Discussion and Award of the Bids Received for a 2013 GMC Dump Truck for the Street**
24 **Department**

25 Councilman Paul Haynes rescinded his motion to approve purchase of the 2013 Chevrolet
26 Silverado from Auto Choice. Councilman Simms rescinded his second of the motion made at
27 the December 20 Council meeting.
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29 Councilman Paul Haynes then made a motion to purchase the 2013 GMC Sierra from Bob
30 Robinson Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC Cadillac. Councilwoman DeWitt seconded the motion.
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32 Manager Hess explained that, after the bid was awarded, representatives from Auto Choice in
33 Bellaire explained that they could not bring the vehicle from their Ohio store into West
34 Virginia. Foreman Wallace was not sure if the specifications were comparable.
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36 Motion for purchase carried unanimously.
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38 **Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Moundsville Fire Department,**
39 **Moundsville Police Department, and the Marshall County Health Department**

40 Chief Mitchell explained that the updated Memorandum of Understanding has been in place
41 for many years, and only changes the name of the sitting Police Chief, as former Chief Kudlak

1 was still listed in the paperwork. Councilman Simms made the motion to accept the
2 Memorandum of Understanding with the Marshall County Health Department.
3 Councilwoman DeWitt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
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5 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

6 • Manager Hess welcomed Councilman David Haynes!

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8 • Attorney White asked for a moment to present the following legal advertisements for
9 filing:

10 Sealed bids for 2013 GMS Sierra Dump Truck
11 307 Jefferson Avenue Zoning Appeals Board hearing
12 1307 1st Street Planning Commission hearing
13 805 10th Street Zoning Appeals Board hearing
14 Sealed bids for 2001 Mack Refuse Truck
15 1305 Lockwood Avenue Zoning Appeals Board hearing

16 Councilman Simms made the motion to receive and file the legal ads, which
17 Councilwoman DeWitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
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19 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

20 • Mayor Saunders congratulated and welcomed Councilman David Haynes, Councilman
21 Simms, and Councilman Paul Haynes. Mayor Saunders also congratulated Vice Mayor
22 Wood.
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24 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

25 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee***

26 The Policy Committee will meet on January 8, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

28 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee***

29 The Finance Committee will meet immediately following the Policy Committee.

31 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee***

32 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Traffic Committee.
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34 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

35 * **Remke** – Nothing else at this time.

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37 * **Wood** – Congratulated the newly-elected Council members! He mentioned to Councilman
38 David Haynes that there could be an orientation, if he felt he needed updated on the
39 workings of Council; however, Councilman David Haynes is comfortable that he remembers
40 the rules and regulations well enough to serve effectively.
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1 * **Simms** – Congratulated and welcomed Councilman Paul Haynes, Councilman David Haynes,
2 and Mayor Saunders!

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4 * **David Haynes** – Thanked everyone for the warm welcome!

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6 * **Paul Haynes** – Noted that some bridge issues still exist.

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8 * **DeWitt** – Welcomed Councilman David Haynes!

9 * Commended the Street Department for the good job they did during the recent snow fall.

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11 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman
12 Remke. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Karen L. Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor